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NO MORE LAND GRANTS.
Replying to a plea that veterans of some class or other should be remembered in a substantial way by the country, the Minister of the Interior stated in the House of Commons that there are to be no further land grants of land script. The announcement will be welcomed in the West. It is no gift to the veteran to give him land on which he must do cultivation duties similar to those which he could secure a homestead; and to give him land without imposing the cultivation duties is not to be thought of. The cultivation of the land is worth more to the country than the money it would take to satisfy the claim. And it usually works out, cash in the hand would be of quite as much value to the veterans.

HIGH PRICES AND LOW WAGES.
The Montreal Gazette wants the immigration regulations which restrict the importation of labor abolished. It says: "It is intimated from Ottawa that the Government will relax its foolish immigration restrictions so as to permit the free entry into the country of men who are willing to work at the galley of the coast. Before this the regulations have been relaxed in favor of men who are willing to work on the railways. Regulations that cannot be maintained lest the industry of the country shall suffer should be good regulations to advocate." The Gazette is the oldest Conservative newspaper in Canada, and the foremost newspaper supporter of Mr. Borden. If he were returned to power its views would no doubt carry considerable weight in the cabinet councils, and with the majority in the House of Commons. Its declaration that the regulations should be altogether abolished and the country left liable at all seasons to a flood of cheap labor from all countries, is in contrast with the doctrine that everything but labor should be excluded from the country by a high tariff. It is altogether the idea that the manufacturer if made prosperous by law should also be allowed to share the property with his employees by the payment of good wages. It demands that while the manufacturer be allowed to fix his selling prices under the advantage of a protective tariff, he be allowed to share the wages he shall pay under free trade. "High prices for the manufacturer and low wages for the employee" seems to be the slogan of the anti-reciprocity forces.

THE "PUNCH."
Mr. Amos Chamberlain is the son of "Punch" (i.e.) "V" that his nominal leader has cause to be reminded at the present time. Mr. Chamberlain is mentioned in the dispatches as being the representative of the Unionist members of the House of Commons against Mr. Balfour's motion on the veto bill, and in effect against Mr. Balfour's position as leader of the party. Ten years ago the elder Chamberlain headed a revolt in reality though not in name against the same leader, and had he not advanced years and failing health put him off to his political activities it could have been only a question of time until he either replaced Mr. Balfour as the head of the party or became himself the head of a faction acting independently of the nominal leader. The younger Chamberlain is fighting his leader on different ground, ostensibly at least. Apparently he is fighting for the preservation of the privileges of those to whom his father in earlier days applied the apt quotation, "they lot not, neither do they spin." But back of this lies the fact that Mr. Balfour has never been accepted by the more ardent advocates of a tariff as being wholeheartedly with them. For years after Mr. Chamberlain had from the ranks begun preaching the doctrine of a tariff, the views of Mr. Balfour on the subject were not exactly known to the party or the country. And when he finally came in his list with the tariff section of the party it was more in the nature of bowing to a movement he could not check than of taking up a cause to which he had been soundly converted. Even at the recent election, the fact that he would go was to say he would refer the matter to the electors as a tip-off to return to power. That is the "mist" at which he had been regarded by the Chamberlains and their followers. It made apparent that if England came to adopt a tariff it would not be through the efforts of Mr. Balfour. And the Chamberlains are not the kind to allow another man to reap where they have sown. It was a safe surmise that sooner or later an opportunity would be found for breaking away from Mr. Balfour's leadership with the aid of "Punch" as the head of the dissenters. The occasion seems now to have arrived, and for the time interest in the British

THE BLOCKADE SHOULD BE BROKEN.
Reciprocity has passed at Washington; but at Ottawa the blockade cannot be lifted. The Opposition say it will not, and their newspaper supporters say it must be continued. Unless Mr. Borden and his friends know otherwise, the prospect is for an early dissolution of the House, and an election without a redistribution of the seats.

That this is what they are trying to bring about is of course actually denied by the Opposition. They repudiate the notion that they are trying to force a verdict on reciprocity before the West has been given the voice to which it is entitled in determining what that verdict shall be, and proceed cheerfully to discount their protest by their performance. For whether it be their aim to bring on an election without redistribution or not, that is the thing they are making certain and unavoidable.

With such circumstantiality the Opposition invite the Government to bring down a redistribution bill. This they know very well cannot be done until the census is complete; and the Census Commissioner says his work cannot be completed before the election. In substance therefore the Opposition demand that Parliament mark time before the West has been given the voice to which it is entitled in determining what that verdict shall be, and proceed cheerfully to discount their protest by their performance.

Parliament has been in session almost November. Reciprocity was introduced in January. The Opposition have had plenty of time to make plain what they think about it, and if they have not done so it is because they expect they will ever be able to do so, and not because they are waiting for further chance. They have held up to the agreement but the other side has not. The Opposition have not been able to do so, and the Government have not been able to do so. They now demand the privilege of holding up business for another three months and for how much longer nobody knows. For even an election would not end the matter. The Opposition would be quite free to hold up reciprocity next session as well; and if their present conduct in the face of public opinion counts for anything, would be quite as ready to do so.

There is a plan to which no self-respecting Government would be likely to agree. The business of a Government is to govern, and it must be able to do that of that duty to see that that duty is done. The Opposition do not intend to do that. It would be political folly for a Government to allow a blockading Opposition to do so. The consequence of a blockade fall in part in the larger part upon the Government. They tend to spread the notion that the party with the majority does not want to make progress, or has failed to do so. Impudence, and should be so. For the sake of the country—whose business it is to be in the process, and of themselves—who will be held responsible if it does not proceed, the policy of indefinite delay is one to which the Government cannot afford to give tolerance. The Opposition have had all the latitude demanded by reason or charity. The interests of the public demand that the blockade be broken as soon as possible, by the only available means—an election.

OBSERVATIONS
Montreal Herald: General Garfield thinks that Cuba wants reciprocity with Canada, and had he not been promptly discouraged, Cuba might go on to annex us, and we cannot be annexed by more than one country at a time.

Toronto Star: Maintaining that the world grows better and not worse, Lord George quotes the answer given to a critic who said that Punch was not as good as it used to be. "It never was." It is said that the oldest manuscript in existence is a lament over the decay of the world.

Calgary Herald: A southern newspaper man suggests that the U.S. papers push the much about wedding. The article does not want to know anything about the bride, she being married and settled, but he wants to read about her and her sisters and maiden aunts and her cousins.

Toronto Star: The Opposition at Ottawa has not made up its mind whether to deny obstruction or to glory in it. The latter is the more natural course; there is no doubt about the fact of obstruction. On the other hand, there is no use in committing obstruction or any other tactics which the Opposition may use to defeat reciprocity. The fight will be on reciprocity, not on any side issue.

Toronto Globe: "Sweet are the uses of adversity," Shakespeare has said, and while he may have converted among the advocates of obstruction and artificial high prices, hopeful youth still favors abundance. The following extract from a letter written by a Canadian Boy Scout in London reveals the youthful point of view on the leading theme: "There is a bank in camp and I have it 17¢ 4d left, which is pretty good, considering that there are so many things to buy. I have 17¢ 4d left in the Canadian price. I got a searchlight for a bicycle, which cost 15¢ in Toronto. I also invested in a book for 15¢; in Canada they are 15¢. Now, don't think I'm extravagant for buying a beautiful exer-

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